articles betwixt us :—only, thus far you shall answer. If you make your voyage upon her, and give me directly to understand you have prevailed, I am no further your enemy, she is not worth our debate: if she remain unseduced, (you not making it appear otherwise,) for your ill opinion, and the assault you have made to her chastity, you shall answer me with your sword.

*IACH** Your hand; a covenant: We will have these things set down by lawful counsel, and straight away for Britain; lest the bargain should catch cold, and starve: I will fetch my gold., and have our two wagers recorded.

POST. Agreed.

[Exeunt POSTHUMUS and IACHIMO.

FRENCH. Will this hold, think you ?

PHI. Signior lachimo will not from it. Pray, let us follow 'em, | *Exeunt.*

mentions only *that* of the two conditions which was favourable to Posthumus: namely, that if his wife preserved her honour he should win: concerning the other, in case she preserved it not, lachimo, the accurate expounder of the wager, is silent. To make him talk more in character, for we find him sharp enough in the prosecution of his bet; we should strike out the negative, and read the rest thus : " If I bring you sufficient testimony that I have enjoyed, &c. my ten thousand ducats are *mine* ; so is your diamond too. If I come off, and leave her in such honour, &c. she your jewel, &c. and my gold are *yours*'" WARBUHTON-.

I once thought this emendation right, but am now of opinion, that Shakspeare intended that lachimo"having gained his purpose, should designedly drop the invidious and offensive part of the wager, and to flatter Posthumus, dwell long uppn the more pleasing part of the representation. One condition of a wager implies the other, and there is no need to mention, both. JOHNSON.